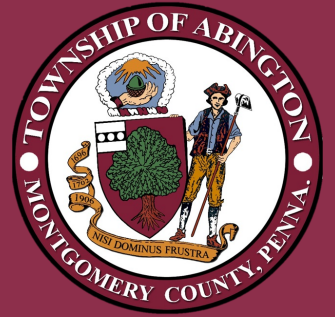


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November 2021 Edition

FY 2022 BUDGET INFORMATION



Our 2022 FY Budget Book is now available to view online at www.abingtonpa.gov/2022budget. This year's budget book looks different, but it has all the information of our traditional budget book in an interactive format that allows you to view the information you are interested in more quickly and easily.

FY 2022 BUDGET MEETING DATES

- Special Meeting - Formal Presentation of the Preliminary Proposed Budget
 - This was held on Thursday, October 28, 2021 at 6:30 PM via webinar.
 - [Click here to view the presentation.](#)
- Consideration of the Proposed Budget Adoption
 - Wednesday, November 10, 2021 at 6:30 PM
- Final Budget Adoption
 - Thursday, December 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM

[Online Budget Portal](#)

NOVEMBER MEETINGS

- 11/3 Land Use, Public Affairs, Public Safety, & Public Works, CANCELLED
- 11/3 Human Relations Commission, 7 PM
- 11/9 Shade Tree Commission, 7:30 PM
- 11/10 Consideration of the Proposed Budget, 6:30 PM
- 11/10 Public Hearing: Penn State Text and Map Amendments, 6:30 PM
- 11/10 Board of Commissioners, 6:30 PM
- 11/10 Committee of the Whole, 7 PM
- 11/15 Fire Board, 7:30 PM
- 11/16 Comprehensive Plan Development Team, 6 PM
- 11/16 Zoning Hearing Board, 7 PM
- 11/17 Environmental Advisory Council, 7:30 PM
- 11/18 Pension Committee, 6:15 PM
- 11/18 Vacant Property Review Board, 6:30 PM
- 11/18 Finance Committee, 7 PM
- 11/22 Library Board, 7 PM
- 11/23 Economic Development Committee, CANCELLED
- 11/23 Planning Commission, 7:30 PM

NEWS & UPDATES

ELECTION DAY IS ON TUESDAY, 11/2

Reminder that Election Day is tomorrow, November 2, 2021. [Find your polling place by clicking here.](#)

ABINGTON FREE LIBRARY OPEN SEVEN DAYS A WEEK BEGINNING 11/7

As of November 7, the Abington Free Library will be open seven days a week. We are adding Sundays back to our

schedule and will be open from 1:30 – 5:00 PM.

Curbside pickup is now available on Tuesdays, from 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM, and on Saturdays from 10:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

See www.abingtonfreelibrary.org/news for more information.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 11/11,
NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 11, 2021 for Veterans Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Thursday, November 11, and Friday, November 12, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Friday, November 12. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Monday, November 15.

EDMUND R. MICCIOLO WAR MEMORIAL DEDICATION AND VETERANS DAY CEREMONY ON 11/11

Veterans Day Ceremony and Dedication of the Edmund R. Micciolo Park at War Memorial will be held on November 11 starting at 9:00 AM at the War Memorial located in front of the Penn State – Abington dormitory and Temple Beth Am at 1001 Old York Road, Abington, PA 19001.

FUTURE LAND USE WORKSHOP RESCHEDULED FOR 11/13

Abington Township's Comprehensive Plan Development Team will be holding a public workshop on November 13, 1 to 3 PM at Crestmont Clubhouse. Join us in small-group discussions with fellow Abingtonians about future land use. Specifically, we'd like to hear your opinions about how shopping and neighborhood centers should change to best meet the community's needs into the future. How would you like different shopping or neighborhood centers to look in the year 2035? Which types of businesses, services, homes, parks, and other land uses would be most desirable or appropriate? We hope you'll join us! For more information on the comprehensive plan, visit www.abingtonpa.gov/vision2035.

Please note, this workshop was originally scheduled for October 30, 2021.

**TOWNSHIP OFFICES CLOSED ON THURSDAY, 11/25,
NO TRASH/YARD DEBRIS COLLECTION**

Township offices will be closed on Thursday, November 25, 2021 for Thanksgiving Day. There will be no trash, recyclables, or yard debris collections. Thursday, November 25, and Friday, November 26, trash and recyclables collections will occur on Friday, November 26. There will be no yard debris collection. Yard debris collection will resume on Monday, November 29.

MORTGAGE & RENTAL ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE

Abington Township, through HUD's Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to households to make payments for rent and mortgage. Program information and application available at www.abingtonpa.gov/housingassistance.

[Click here or the image below to watch a brief video about the program.](#)



KIMBERLY HAMM
Director of Community Development

ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO SMALL BUSINESSES AFFECTED BY COVID-19

Abington Township, through HUD’s Community Development Block Grant COVID-19 Relief Funds, will provide grants to eligible Township businesses that are in serious jeopardy of closing due solely to the recent COVID-19 pandemic and associated economic impacts. Grant amounts will vary according to need and availability. Applications are available at www.abingtonpa.gov/smallbizassistance.

A Q&A session on this program will be held on Tuesday, November 9, 2021 at 10 AM via webinar. [Please click here to register.](#)

[Click here or the image below to watch a brief video about the Small Business Assistance program.](#)



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Director of Community Development

GRANTS AVAILABLE FOR LOCAL FOOD PANTRIES

This grant program assists organizations that have experienced an increase in requests by Abington Township residents as a result of the recent COVID-19 pandemic and its associated economic impacts. Program information and application available at www.abingtonpa.gov/foodbankassistance.

WASTEWATER DEPARTMENT SELECTED FOR SWIFT PROGRAM

The Wastewater Department was approached by the PA Department of Environmental Protection’s (DEP) Energy Program Office to consider participating in a partnership program created by the Environmental Protection Agency’s (EPA) Energy Star Partner program and the Department of Energy’s (DOE) Better Buildings Sustainable Wastewater Infrastructure of the Future (SWIFt) initiative. The DEP has developed a Clean Energy Plan that identifies 11 actions associated with energy related programs to improve energy efficiency and mitigate disruptions by reaching out to wastewater treatment plant operators for site specific evaluations and training on motor and equipment performance to explore benefits of revising current procedures and to explore newer, more efficient technologies. Abington was selected as one of nine treatment plants in the southeastern region of Pennsylvania to participate in this program. During the months of October and November historical electric data will be gathered from the past couple of years to serve as a basis for the current operations for each plant.



**Kids and
Bicycle
Safety**



Bicycle riding is fun, healthy, and a great way to be independent. But it is important to remember that a bicycle is not a toy; it’s a vehicle!

Be cool - follow some basic safety tips when you ride.

- **Wear a Properly Fitted Bicycle Helmet.** Protect your brain, save your life. Always wear a helmet!
- **Check Your Equipment.** Before riding, inflate tires properly and check that your brakes work.
- **See and Be Seen.** Whether daytime, dawn, dusk, foul weather, or at night, you need to be seen by others. Wear something that reflects light, such as reflective tape or markings, or flashing lights. **Remember, just because you can see a driver doesn’t mean the driver can see you.**
- **Control Your Bicycle.** Always ride with at least one hand on the handlebars. Carry books and other items in a bicycle carrier or backpack.
- **Watch for and Avoid Road Hazards.** Be on the lookout for hazards such as potholes, broken glass, gravel, puddles, leaves, and dogs. All these hazards can cause a crash.
- **Always be Safe.** It is far more dangerous to ride at night than during the day because you are harder for others to see. Make sure you have reflectors on the front and rear of your bicycle in addition to reflectors on your tires, so others can see you. **To maximize your safety ALWAYS follow the rules of the road.**

For more news, please visit our website at www.abingtonpa.gov.

PROGRAMS & EVENTS



**BUILDING YOUR
FINANCIAL FUTURE**

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 9
7 PM

Learn the basics of personal and retirement investing techniques to build a financial plan for your future! A FREE financial workshop will be held on Tuesday, November 9, at 7 PM via Zoom. [Click here or the button below to register.](#)

More Info



"ANYTHING WITH A PLUG" ELECTRONICS COLLECTION

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
9 AM - 12 PM

Residents can drop off unwanted electronics to be recycled at the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA 19001. Please note: There is a cost for TV's and monitors.

More Info



FUTURE LAND USE PUBLIC WORKSHOP

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 13
1 - 3 PM

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More Info

For a full list of programs and events, please visit our calendar at www.abingtonpa.gov/calendar.

SPOTLIGHT



LEAF COLLECTION SEASON HAS BEGUN!

As Halloween passes and November begins, our leaf collection program ramps up. Between our leaf vacuums picking up curbside leaf piles and our trash trucks picking up brown biodegradable bags, we recycle on average 14,500 tons of leaves and yard waste each year saving the township approximately \$1 MILLION dollars in dumping fees as well as valuable landfill space. The leaves collected curbside are then composted at our Public Works Facility and the following spring are offered to township residents at no cost. Look for the leaf compost at Alverthorpe Park, Baederwood Park and Crestmont Park or contact the Public Works office for more information on getting the compost at the Public Works Yard located at 2201 Florey Lane, Abington, PA.

Reminder: Leaves should be placed curbside by each Monday of the designated week of pickup. The Department will make every attempt to maintain the schedule, but residents should be prepared for delays due to inclement weather. Conversely, there will be times when the collection runs smoothly thereby enabling a jump start on the next area. If this is the case, the vacuum machines will return on Monday for the scheduled collection. [To find your collection area, please click here.](#)

FIRST COLLECTION AREAS

November 1 - November 5: Areas C, D, F, M, N, O
November 8 - November 12: Areas J, K, L

SECOND COLLECTION AREAS

November 15 - November 19: Areas G, H, I
November 22 - November 26: Areas A, B, E
November 29 - December 3: Areas C, D, F, J
December 6 - December 10: Areas M, N, O
December 13 - December 17: Areas K, L

[Click here or the image above to watch an informational video on our leaf collection process.](#)

More Information

TIP OF THE MONTH



Stream 10 movies a month, instantly, and for free on Kanopy with your Abington Library Card! Kanopy has over 30,000 films, including the Criterion Collection, PBS films, Classic Hollywood movies, as well as thousands of independent films on every topic imaginable. To check out more online e-resources, go to abingtonfreelibrary.org/eresources.

Thank you to our Abington Township Public Library for this helpful tip!

More Information

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Refuse Division	publicworks@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Wastewater	AbingtonWWUD@abingtonpa.gov	215.886.0934
Code Enforcement	codeenforcement@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1000 ext. 4
Tax Office	jblumenthal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1024
Traffic Safety	trafficsafety@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1100
Pot Holes	potholes@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1034
Fire Services	firemarshal@abingtonpa.gov	267.536.1055
Parks & Recreation	parksinfo@abingtonpa.gov	215.576.5213

IMPORTANT LINKS

Township Website	Applications & Forms	Police Department
Employment Opportunities	Trash Collection & Recycling	Fire Department
Parks & Recreation	Large Item Pick Up	Contact Us & Location

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